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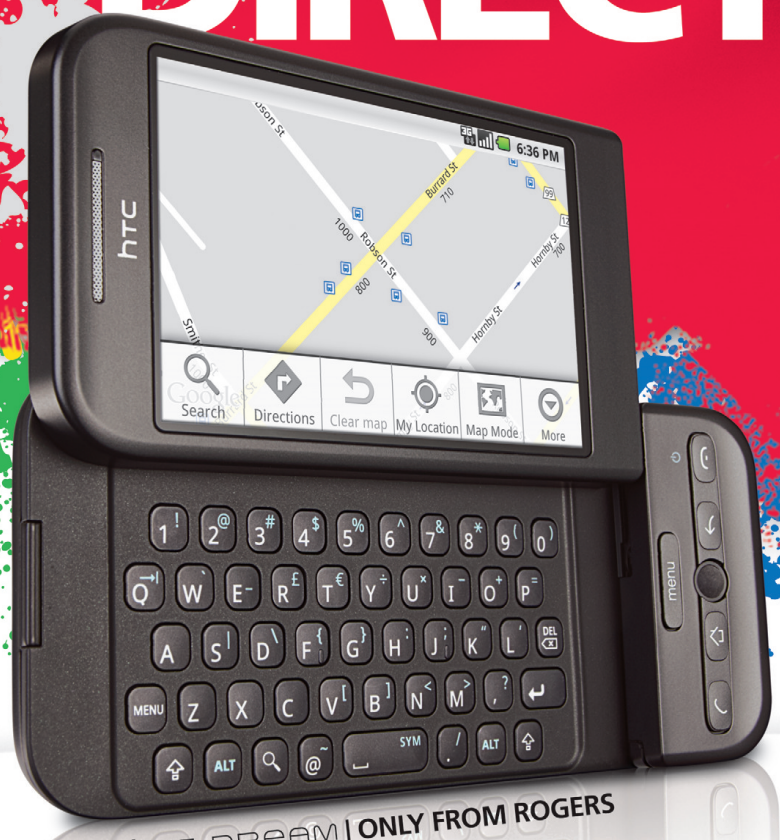

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Website lets public track city spending

INFRASTRUCTURE Calgarians will be getting a much better view of where their tax money is being spent and they can even access it whenever they want online.

The City of Calgary launched a new infrastructure website yesterday at calgaryinfrastructure.ca.

"By viewing the website you can find out where the money (for city infrastructure projects) is coming from and more importantly, where it is going," said Mayor Dave Bronconnier.

This site provides an interactive map where Calgarians can pinpoint 125 different capital projects currently funded by the city's 2009 to 2013 $6-billion capital budget.

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Jean our new superstar GG?

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Distraught relatives and friends of passengers of Air France Flight 447 arrive at the crisis centre at Charles de Gaulle airport near Paris yesterday. The plane with 228 people on board disappeared over the Atlantic Ocean on its way to Paris from Brazil.

Canadian on board?

FERNANDO CARNEIRO
Metro Canada

A Canadian man is on the list of passengers aboard the Air France flight presumed to have crashed in the Atlantic Ocean yesterday with 228 people on board.

Brad Clemes, a Coca-Cola executive born in Guelph, Ont., who resides in France, was reportedly aboard Flight 447 en route to Paris from Rio de Janeiro. It hit heavy turbulence four hours after takeoff and 15 minutes later sent an automatic message reporting electrical faults. The plane then disappeared from radar screens.

"It's a tragic accident. The chances of finding survivors are tiny," French President Nicolas Sarkozy said at Paris's Charles de Gaulle airport after meeting passenger relatives.

They were led away in tears by airport staff to a private area where psychologists were ready to assist them.

The plane's 216 passengers and 12 crew members included seven children and one baby.

Etienne Kapikian, a French meteorologist, told Metro France the plane ran into trouble at the "intertropical convergence zone," which "is a stormy area, a hundred kilometres wide, with cumulonimbus (clouds) that can reach 16 kilometres high," Kapikian said.

When a plane reaches the zone, the pilot can "either fly over it, or fly around it. He goes through it only if he has no other choice."

In this zone, a plane is certain to face inclement weather, Kapikian said.

A company spokesman said several of the plane's mechanisms had malfunctioned.

Moacir Duarte, co-ordinator of engineering courses at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and an expert in risk analysis, told Metro Brazil that if there was an explosion, it will be hard to find out what happened during the flight as the wreckage will be spread around a large area in the ocean.

Although no wreckage has been found, the airline offered its condolences to the families of the passengers, making clear it did not expect any rescue.

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Prince aboard

- A 26-year-old Brazilian prince, a descendant of the last Emperor in Brazil, was also aboard Air France Flight 447. Pedro Luiz de Orleans e Bragança lives in Luxembourg and was in Brazil to visit his parents.

Police laud plan to boost database of sex offenders

City police are applauding the Conservative government's plan to strengthen the national sex offender registry.

Deepak Obrhai, Conservative member of parliament for Calgary East, unveiled proposed changes yesterday that would require all sex offenders to be automatically added to the registry and provide a DNA sample for the national database.

"We are sending a strong message that safety and security is paramount in our communities," Obrhai said. "We are strengthening the registry … so that it becomes a more effective tool for police to prevent sex crimes against our most vulnerable groups."

Obrhai said current law requires a Crown attorney to submit an application in order to add a convicted offender to the registry, and allows the presiding judge to decline.

Calgary deputy chief Murray Stooke said the changes will help manage offenders, but will also be preventative, as offenders will be monitored.

But Linda McKay-Panos, of the Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre warns that the change may prompt a need for a stricter definition of a "sex offender" in order to ensure the registry is accurate.

The rise in people registered could cause administrative problems, and "may therefore provide a false sense of security that the public will be more protected than we currently are," she said.

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Blaze sends man to hospital
A man was taken to hospital after a fire in the 100 block of Somercrest Manor SW, according to fire officials. The fire department said it found no other occupants in the home at the time of the blaze and cause and damage value are still under investigation. METRO CALGARY

Local

The Mark, Tom and Travis show

After being on hiatus for four years, Blink-182 is back together and playing a show in Calgary on their Canadian concert tour. Mark, Tom and Travis will hit the stage at the Pengrowth Saddledome July 30. Joining them will be Fall Out Boy and All American Rejects. Tickets range in price from $49.50 to $69.50, go on sale Saturday, and are available at ticketmaster.ca METRO CALGARY

City man charged in '74 Sask. fire

MANSLAUGHTER A Calgary man has been charged in the deaths of three people in a fire dating back 35 years in Saskatchewan. Regina police laid charges against the man in connection with the 1974 cold case when three people perished in a Regina apartment fire.

Michael John Morrison, 57, is charged with three counts of manslaughter and one charge of assault causing bodily harm.

TB traveller ID'd as U of L student

HEALTH A Greyhound passenger travelling from Alberta to B.C. with tuberculosis was identified as a University of Lethbridge student. The student lived off campus, but did supervise one final exam.

The U of L is working with Public Health officials to find those who may have come in contact with the student. The case doesn't pose a risk to the public, according to the University of Lethbridge website.

Council waits on Ward 4 motion

CITY Ward 4 Ald. Bob Hawkesworth was "disappointed" city council declined to add his ward boundaries motion to yesterday's urgent business, instead opting to wait until June 22 when it comes on the agenda. "We will deal with (it) when it arises then," he said. METRO CALGARY

200 investors protest firm

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A commercial investment dispute spilled onto a downtown street yesterday as more than 200 investors protested in front of the head office of the company at the centre of the dispute.

The group of investors, each with individual investments of $10,000 to $50,000 in Concrete Equities, allege they stopped receiving their quarterly dividend cheques from the commercial real estate company four months ago.

"We feel they are mismanaging our funds and withholding information from us," Terry Town said on behalf of the protesters.

Town said the investors have been asking for financial information but their requests have not been met.

"As investors, we have a right to the information about the management of our investments," Town added.

Mike Hansen, an investor in Concrete Equities Place, and a member of the Steering Committee, said that Concrete Equities filed for bankruptcy protection last Thursday. "We're just regular people looking out for our investments and it feels like we're swimming in a pool of sharks," he said.

The protesters marched outside the Concrete Equities building on 4 Street and 11 Avenue SW with signs reading, "lies," "give us our money back" and "make it right — your concrete is crumbling."

Investor Kelly Ziegler and his seven-year-old daughter Nicole marched together to bring awareness to the issue.

"That money was our college fund," Ziegler added.

When Metro contacted Concrete Equities yesterday over these allegations, a spokesperson said they couldn't be reached for comment.

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Kelly Ziegler and his daughter Nicole brandish signs at a protest outside of Concrete Equities downtown yesterday. While 200 investors claim mismanagement by the company, their allegations have not yet been proven in court.

Calgarians rise to commuter challenge

Calgarian Krista Thomas usually commutes to her job at Devon Canada with two others, but has extra incentive this week as the company participates in the commuter challenge.

Thomas, who works in the communications department, said last year Devon Canada had 38 per cent of employees involved in the challenge and believes they will have more this year.

"We came first in a different challenge last year," said Thomas. "We knew it was something our staff was really interested in."

The commuter challenge, which runs until Friday, is a competition between workplaces and cities across Canada to use something other than single occupancy vehicles. In Calgary, 120 companies are embracing the challenge.

"This is a way to get people to engage in the behaviour that's necessary for the city to take the steps to change the infrastructure," said Kathryn Winkler, national commuter challenge leader.

Options that the commuter challenge is promoting are biking, transit, carpooling and teleworking. Winkler said it's about finding sustainable options.

Commuters can track their greenhouse gas emissions, calories burned and money saved on commuterchallenge.ca

Prizes are awarded at the end of the week to companies that participate.

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Calgary-Glenmore to field Grit

POLITICS After spending time working as a campaign manager, senior fundraising officer and riding president for both the Liberal Party of Alberta and Canada, Corey Hogan, 27, has placed a bid to seek nomination for the Liberal candidacy in Calgary-Glenmore.

Hogan, who also owns a small communications business, said that he would offer a fresh perspective to the riding.

"I think the combination of my political experience with my work in communications puts me in good shape to represent David Swann and the Liberals in this contest," said Hogan.

Hogan grew up in the constituency and still calls Calgary-Glenmore home.

Hogan said he believes the biggest issues affecting the Calgary-Glenmore constituency are health care and the economy.

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What's online today.

Video Canadian astronaut Bob Thirsk talks about the 'surreal life' aboard the International Space Station at **metronews.ca/canada**

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Province wants consumers to pay for power lines

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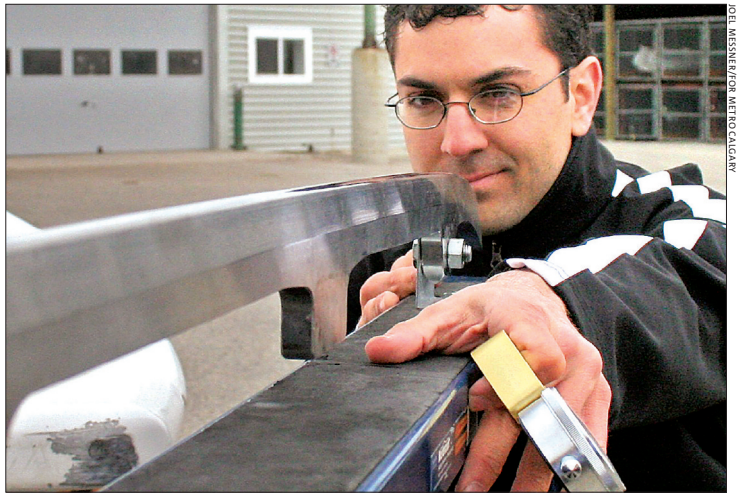

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Former Canadian bobsledder and current University of Calgary physicist Louis Poirier examines one of the blades his research hopes to improve for future Canadian bobsleigh athletes.

The science of speed

Physicist tries to maximize bobsled runners

JOEL MESSNER
for Metro Calgary

Calgary's blade running expert is trying to find a way to help Canadian athletes through studying the blades and runners on bobsleighs.

Louis Poirier is a University of Calgary physicist and his research on the runners or blades of bobsleighs could help launch Canadian athletes to the top of the podium.

"(The runners) are probably the most critical piece of equipment that we have as bobsledders because that's what is actually touching the ice and that's where we really stand to have the most improvement," said Poirier, himself a former bobsledder.

Poirier and his team are trying to determine how they can reduce the friction between the blade and ice, therefore increasing the sled velocity.

After the 2006 Olympics the sport's governing body announced the sleds steel runners had to be standardized; meaning all competitors need to fashion the blade medal in the same way.

"We had probably 30 to 50 sets of different runners here in Calgary, all those runners had to be junked," said Poirier. "Building up a new stock pile of equipment is quite difficult and we want to have very competitive equipment for our athletes."

Poirier said his research won't conclude until after the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

Man gets two years for child porn

SENTENCE A man has been sentenced to two years in Canadian jail after trying to transport a large amount of child pornography across the Montana-Alberta border.

John Stephen Pichon, 46, was originally charged on April 27 and is a registered sex offender in California.

RCMP said there were thousands of files on the seized computer.

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Housing sales up from last year

REAL ESTATE Calgary home sales increased in May, as the sales for May 2009 surpassed that of May 2008, according to MLS.

The sales in May 2009 were up 15.8 per cent from last year as 1,584 single-family homes went on sale last month.

The average price for home sales is still down, however.

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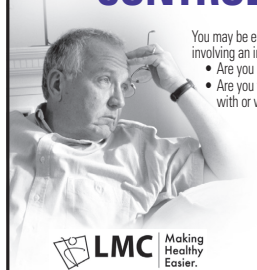

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Memorial to be held for missing girl
On Saturday, a devastated family and heartbroken town will remember Victoria (Tori) Stafford at Calvary Church in Woodstock, Ont. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canada

Grits gain ground

Party moves ahead of Tories in supersized survey

The opposition Liberals have edged ahead of the ruling Conservatives in popular support, but not by enough to be sure of winning an election now, according to the largest ever poll conducted in Canada.

The results are another indication that despite recent talk of an imminent election, Canadians will not be voting any time soon. The Ekos poll, conducted over three weeks in May for the CBC, was released yesterday.

Under Canada's first-past-the-post electoral system, a party needs to win around 36 per cent of the vote to win a minority government and about 40 per cent to stand a chance of capturing a majority.

"The overall picture these numbers paint is slightly more positive for the Liberals, who are ahead more days than they lag," said Ekos president Frank Graves.

"But the situation is clearly quite volatile, and neither party could force an election right now confident they would win, much less form a majority," he said in a statement.

The Liberals say they are ready to try to bring down the minority Conservative government on the grounds that it is not doing enough to help the unemployed.

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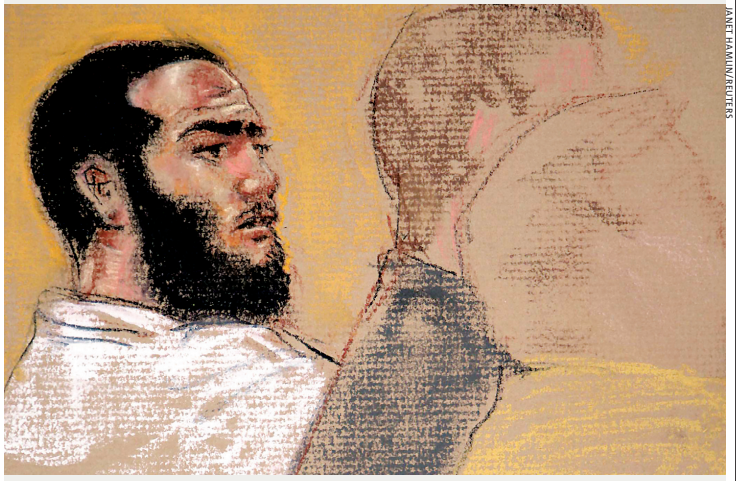
By the numbers

- The Ekos survey of almost 11,000 Canadians — more than 10 times the usual polling size — put the Liberals at 33.5 per cent support and the Conservatives at 32.3 per cent.

Guantanamo Bay **Khadr in court**



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In this photo of a sketch by courtroom artist Janet Hamlin, Canadian defendant Omar Khadr, left, is pictured during a hearing inside the courthouse at the Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base in Cuba yesterday. Khadr, accused of killing a U.S. soldier with a grenade during a firefight in Afghanistan seven years ago, tried in a losing bid to fire his entire Pentagon-appointed defence team, which has been beset by infighting.

News in brief

LEBANON Canadians who are flying to Lebanon on free plane tickets provided by party supporters could tip the difference in a close parliamentary election in that country, CBC News Online reports. Corporate sponsors are paying for supporters of the pro-Western Future Movement to vote on June 7.

ISOTOPES Health sciences company MDS Nordion, facing a shortage of medical isotopes, called on the government yesterday to reactivate the Maple nuclear reactor project in Chalk River, Ont., to ensure a continuing supply. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Warnings, flyers greet travellers at U.S. border

SECURITY Our southern neighbour fortified its border yesterday, encouraging travellers to comply with new documentation requirements and unleashing a fierce artillery barrage of smiles, warnings and flyers.

Vehicles breezed through the gates at the Buffalo Peace Bridge in New York, where it was a quiet Monday like any other, despite large signs suggesting otherwise.

"Effective June 1, 2009, only these documents are acceptable," the signs said.

"Passport card, Nexus card, enhanced driver's licence, passport."

Yet when 65-year-old Sandra Cerenzia forgot her passport, the dual U.S.-Canadian citizen was kindly reminded to bring it next time.

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Harlequin celebrates anniversary with exhibit
A New York exhibit, The Heart of a Woman: Harlequin Cover Art, 1949 to 2009, celebrates the Canadian publisher's 60th anniversary and focuses on the shifts in female desire. REUTERS

World

No more snake-bitten chickens

Chinese health authorities are putting a stop to restaurants serving chickens which have been bitten to death by poisonous snakes and cooked up for a supposedly detoxifyng meal. The dish, served by a small number of eateries in the southern province of Guangdong and the southwestern city of Chongqing, has generated a storm of publicity and controversy in the Chinese media and amongst bloggers. REUTERS

Kidnapped students recovered

PAKISTAN Scores of kidnapped Pakistani students and staff of a military-run college abducted by Taliban militants in the northwest of the country were recovered last night, a Pakistani military spokesman said. "All the cadets except one have been recovered," said Pakistani military spokesman Maj.-Gen. Athar Abbas. REUTERS

News in brief

MURDER A man suspected of killing a Kansas doctor who performed abortions was in jail yesterday while investigators sought to learn more about his background. George Tiller, 67, was shot in the foyer of a church in Wichita, police said. The suspect, identified by one agency as Scott Roeder, was taken into custody about three hours later. REUTERS

'We were very lucky'

A French medical professor visiting Brazil with his wife tried in vain to convince Air France agents to get them aboard Flight 447 — the fact that there were no seats available seems to have saved their lives.

Yesterday, as news broke of the plane's disappearance and likely crash in the Atlantic Ocean with 228 on board, would-be passengers expressed their emotions.

"It was a miracle. We should have been on the plane," said Claude Jaffiol, who said he and his wife, Amina, "did everything" but failed to get on the full flight. "We were very lucky," added Amina. Brazilian tourist guide Vera Regina Bastos said God saved her life. She was leading an excursion that was supposed to fly to Paris on Sunday but their trip was delayed.

"We changed our mind. God saved us"
Vera Regina Bastos

"We had planned to fly on May 31, but we changed our mind. God saved us," said Bastos. For those whose loved one made the flight, yesterday was a day of anxiety and grief. Helen Pedroso said her fiancé was on his way to Germany to pick up documents for their wedding in Brazil. Harald Winner was supposed to take a flight to Berlin after arriving in Paris. METRO WORLD NEWS

Bosnia **Mass funeral**

DAMIR SAGOLJ/REUTERS

A Bosnian Muslim woman cries during a mass funeral in the village of Memici yesterday. Thousands of Bosnians attended for Muslims killed by Serb forces at the beginning of the country's 1992-95 war, found in mass graves and identified later.

Lightning an unlikely culprit: Expert

Gabriel Attuy of Metro Brazil, where Flight 447 originated, spoke with George Sucupira, president of the International Council of Aircraft Owner and Pilot Associations for Latin America.

Q Is it possible that lightning hit the plane and caused the accident?

A In the history of civil aviation there has been only one case of an airplane being brought down by lightning. The Airbus has state of the art technology. In a routine trip it is probably hit several times by lightning and the passengers never notice it. METRO WORLD NEWS

News in brief

FLU Cases of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, have now been found in all 50 U.S. states and tests have confirmed the virus in more than 10,000 people, American officials said yesterday. Seventeen deaths in the United States have been definitively linked to the swine flu virus, the Centers for Disease Control said. REUTERS

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Comment

Our newest rising star

It takes a lot to upstage the very regal Adrienne Clarkson. But Michaëlle Jean, the Governor General who has been under her shadow for four years, has finally — to Clarkson's chagrin — done so.

Jean's Rankin Inlet sealskinning and heart-eating venture is becoming the stuff of legend. With it, she has made a ringing declaration of support for the rights and traditions of our native peoples. She has told the European Union, with its opposition to the seal hunt, where to get off. And she has turned herself into a star.

Her wielding of the Inuit ulu blade took courage. Not everyone was impressed. When Clarkson, in Iqaluit on the weekend, was asked about it, she replied, "I've eaten raw food here since 1971. It's nothing new to me, OK?"

Whew! Sounds as though her successor's act cut deep. Clarkson is rightfully proud of the work she did to raise the profile of our native peoples. It was a high priority for her. Her husband, John Ralston Saul, took it a step further. He produced a remarkable book, A Fair Country, which convincingly makes the case that the Canadian identity is neither anglophone nor francophone. Rather it's our aboriginal ancestry, as he argues, which not only shaped us, but still sets us apart.

But Jean's act, the sight of her bent over, cutting and eating raw seal heart, was startlingly powerful. It will not leave the mind. Instead of sounding catty, Clarkson should welcome it. Relations have been frosty between the two women. Only recently, Clarkson took what appeared to be a veiled shot at Jean for getting her geography wrong in mixing up British Columbia's Coastal Mountains and the Rockies.

In another tut-tutting display, Clarkson said future aspirants for the GG's position should be required to undergo a Canadian knowledge quiz.

She was a rare Governor General, but the thought that Jean can shine as well should not get under her skin. What both women have demonstrated is that the GG's office is of far more than ceremonial importance.

Last December, Jean made the historic decision to save the Harper government by granting prorogation of Parliament right after it had begun a new sitting. Her ruling was defensible, but she let the country down in her refusal to explain her reasoning behind it. Democracies of the 21st century require more openness than that.

But with her iconic act at Rankin Inlet, Jean has shown her mettle. She has demonstrated that she is in a league with Adrienne Clarkson. More importantly, she has given our often forgotten native peoples an empowering image that will be remembered forever.

Lawrence Martin is a journalist and author of 10 books who writes about national affairs from Ottawa.

Views

Why government participation doesn't work

One of the most ominous aspects of the auto industry bailouts is the renewed blossoming of government participation in the private sector. Including actions in the U.S., this means working partnerships with car companies and financial institutions.

It's a degree of government involvement in the private sector not seen since the New Deal of the 1930s.

Desperate times may call for desperate measures, but there are good reasons to question the wisdom of government becoming owners/partners in private enterprises.

In reality, we live in a mixed economy in which government commingles with private businesses in a variety of ways. But as much as possible, the market should be the preserve of private, not public, enterprise. Owners of private companies freely make choices that involve risks, the biggest being loss of capital. Governments are there to preserve and protect the integrity of the marketplace and the interests of individuals rather than take business risks.

Government intervention to prop up particular companies such as the domestic auto uses taxpayer power to disrupt the workings of the marketplace. In the normal order of things, companies rise, prosper and sometimes fail, only to be replaced by younger, more vigorous enterprises. Money and jobs are lost here, but profits and jobs are made there. Call it market Darwinism.

When government messes with this natural order it does a few things. It confers value to stock or debt that might not otherwise exist. It skews the decision-making process within companies. It favours one competitor over another, the latter being the successful player that isn't being bailed out. It also favours some individuals over the rest of us. It is not what you call fair treatment.

Bailout **Series**

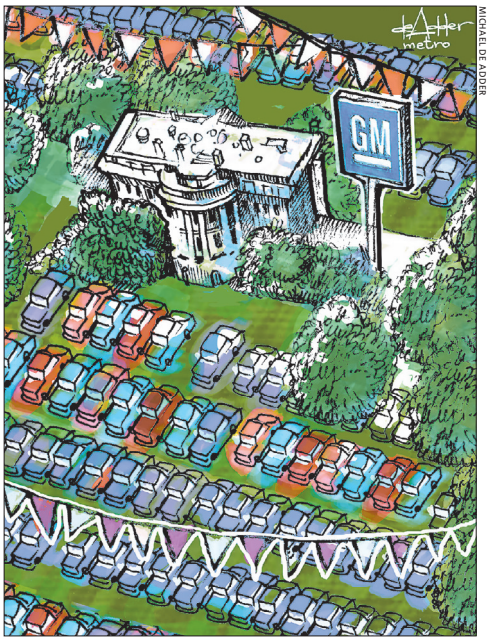
(Editor's note: This is the second part of a three-part series by Charles Davies on financial bailouts.)

But mostly, as Canadian history illustrates, government participation breeds failure. Starting with the Newfoundland government's subsidization of the Come-by-Chance oil refinery in the early 1970s, the last generation provides a litany of boondoggles. Think of New Brunswick's expensive flirtation with the Bricklin, Quebec's investments in everything from asbestos to steel, and just about everything ever touched by British Columbia Resources Corp.

Federally, consider Ottawa's failed aerospace adventures with Canadair and deHavilland, the dismal investments of the late and unlamented Canada Development Corp. and high-tech washouts like Consolidated Computer. There are more where these came from. When government lays our money on the line by investing in a business like the now officially bankrupt General Motors, count on them losing it.

Thursday: What government ought to do to help business.

Charles Davies is a veteran business writer who has worked for Canadian and international news organizations.



Letters

Everyone needs to pull together to help the planet

This continuing discussion and horse trading over carbon credits and such is just rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic.

By the most reliable measures, we're seriously behind schedule and a good distance up the creek with a very small paddle.

If every corporation, public body and individual did their very best to preserve the ozone layer instead of looking for loopholes to idle through, this civilization, this planet, might just make it through the next 50 years.

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Worth mentioning

NASA launches invites for Twittering media

NASA, which has tiptoed into the new world of social media with Twittering astronauts and Facebooking rovers, is taking the next step with an invitation-only outreach to "the twedia" to cover a space shuttle launch.

There are so many details to work out that the so-called TweetUp, originally planned for next week's launch of space shuttle Endeavour, has been rescheduled for the August flight of shuttle Discovery, said Michael Cabbage, a spokesman for the U.S. space agency.

NASA figures it can handle between 100 and 150 Twitterers and bloggers in a makeshift media site at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

Media members at the launch will be able to issue reports to Twitter users who have signed up to receive them. The tweets also are posted and archived on the Twitter.com website.

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Luxury firm Valentino sees signs of market recovery

8 Fashion group Valentino said it expects 2009 to be a tough year in luxury retail but has seen resilience in quality labels such as Marlboro and Hugo Boss. Its CEO told an Italian newspaper that the firm has seen a recovery in trade since mid-April. **REUTERS**

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In brief

GDP Although Canada's latest GDP figures are bad, they were better than expected and show the economy is over the worst of the crisis, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday. Statistics Canada said the economy shrank by 5.4 per cent in the first quarter of the year. The decline was not as bad as the 6.6 per cent drop expected by analysts.

OIL The price of oil jumped 3.5 per cent yesterday to $68.58 US. The rising price of crude could re-energize Canada's oilsands, where most new projects had been put on hold due to high development costs and several months of sub-$50 oil prices. Oilsands spending is down 32 per cent this year compared with 2008.

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Harper defends GM aid

Canada lends $9.5B US to restructuring firm

AUTO Canada's aid to General Motors Corp. will constitute the biggest part of a huge increase in the federal deficit this year, but failure to help GM would have been catastrophic, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday.

Canada and the Ontario provincial government are lending $9.5 billion US to GM as it reorganizes under bankruptcy protection in the United States, and taking 11.7 per cent of the common shares of the new company.

"Today's announcement is a regrettable but necessary step to protect the Canadian economy during the worst global recession in half a century," Harper told a news conference.

The federal government is taking a two-thirds share of the combined Canadian-Ontario contribution, giving it a hit of $6.33 billion.

Part of the overall total will be a federal-provincial loan of $1.3 billion, along with $400 million for which the two levels of government are receiving preferred shares.

Canadian officials said GM has agreed to maintain 19 per cent of its Canada-U.S. production in Canada in exchange for the aid.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty answer questions at a news conference in Toronto yesterday. The two outlined details of the $9.5 billion US in Canadian loans to General Motors as part of its bankruptcy filing.

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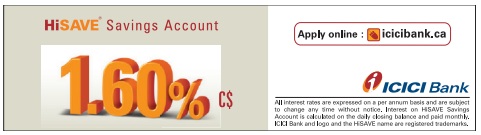

Keep emotions in check

Property buyers must stay cool-headed to avoid bad decisions

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If your heart governs your home-buying decisions, your wallet will pay the price.

"The memory of the powerful recent seller's market is bound to linger, especially among first-time and move-up buyers, who tend to be more emotional."

Just a year ago, condo and single-family sales agents were crowing over multiple bids to buy and delaying presentation of offers, anticipating competitive top-ups from anxious buyers desperate to grab their piece of the real estate pie.

Purchasers became supplicants — that in itself was incredibly annoying.

I recall one friend who was delighted to be "chosen" as the new owner of a semi-attached because, though her bid was a smidge below others, she had two Burmese and the feline-fan vendor thought the house would "miss" having kitties around.

Another buyer actually brought her two children around to be approved by the owner. Yuck!

But now, with real estate sagging back into the realm of sensible from coast to coast, you'd think buyers would be immune to purchase panic. Not so.

The memory of the powerful recent seller's market is bound to linger, especially among first-time and move-up buyers who tend to be more emotional and anxious than those simply buying because of a job transfer.

It is vital to keep emotions in check when looking for property. Even now, real estate agents are telling prospective purchasers that the market won't be down for long and those who don't get in now will be shut out.

Alison's Money Rule:

- Like falling in love, emotions run rampant when purchasing property. Keep them in check or you'll be paying for years to come.

Resist such pitches. The fact is, those who live in a home for years will ride out short term ups and downs.

However, if you let your emotions get in the way you could be paying the price for a long time to come in the form of a house you can't really afford, a design that doesn't fit or repairs that drive you more deeply into debt.

Friends, family and even colleagues can provide an excellent emotional reality check. Take advantage of those with experience in home ownership, renovations and financial management.

They may spot flaws in both the house and your financial plan that you are inclined to ignore.

Property love, after all, hides a multitude of sins.

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Planning for savings

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Q I graduated from university five years ago and have never been unemployed. But I have nothing to show after all these years. Between student loans, rent, entertainment etc., there's nothing in my bank account. Should I get a loan or line of credit and pay off all my debts? How can I save when there's nothing left at the end of the month?

— Gregory, Toronto

A Your problem appears to be not having goals and a financial plan. Like business owners, individuals should have objectives and a road map to achieving them.

• Write down what financial goals you'd like to accomplish in a specific time frame. Once you have a number, work backwards to figure out how to attain it.

• Have a monthly budget that itemizes your cash flow from earnings and all your fixed expenses. Anything left over is discretionary. Health-club memberships and Sports Illustrated subscriptions are not fixed expenses.

• Pay for things using debit, not credit cards.

• Set up an RRSP with an automatic deduction from each pay cheque.

• Pay off credit card balances each month and search for cards with the lowest rates. Get rid of high-interest department store and gas cards.

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KHL passes on Tavares
The Kontinental Hockey League's first NHL-style draft was heavy in home-grown Russian talent and light on North Americans. John Tavares of Oakville, Ont., widely viewed as the top NHL prospect this year, was passed over by Russian clubs in the draft of junior players aged 17 to 20. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Habs hire Martin

Jacques Martin, left, is the new head coach of the Montreal Canadiens. The Canadiens hired the 1999 NHL coach of the year yesterday and he will replace general manager Bob Gainey behind the bench. The former Senators coach had been working as GM of the Florida Panthers for the past three seasons and coached the club from from 2004 to 2008. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Abdelkader outshining stars in final

(Detroit leads series 2-0)

Detroit at Pittsburgh

VS

This year's Stanley Cup final was billed as a perfect stage for Pittsburgh Penguins captain Sidney Crosby to act as the star performer, instead little-known Detroit winger Justin Abdelkader has leapt into the limelight.

Crosby's image has taken such a prominent place in the lead-up to the rematch of last season's finals that Red Wings coach Mike Babcock quipped recently he had to remind himself that it was Detroit who lifted the Cup in 2008.

Justin Abdelkader

Unlike Crosby, rookie Abdelkader was virtually unknown before this series began, but two goals in as many games has made the 22-year-old Detroit's top scorer and given the defending champions a healthy 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

"He's obviously been very good for us," forward Dan Cleary told reporters. "He's a young player, he's going to be a great NHL player."

Pittsburgh lost last year's finals in six games and a similar result appears likely after Detroit retained home advantage with back-to-back 3-1 victories.

Only the Montreal Canadiens have managed to lift the Stanley Cup after losing the first two games on the road, beating the Chicago Blackhawks 4-3 in 1971.

Coming into the finals Crosby was on a tear, tied at 28 points with teammate Evgeni Malkin for the lead in the NHL playoff scoring race.

The 21-year-old Canadian is three shy of his 400th career point and has been tipped as a possible captain for Canada at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

However, after all the hype ahead of the rematch, Crosby has failed to score in the first two games, mainly due to strong defensive play from Detroit's Swedish forward Henrik Zetterberg.

For the first time in the 2009 playoffs, Crosby has been left goalless for consecutive games and has only managed two shots in the series to date. REUTERS

French Open **Wozniak's run over**

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Aleksandra Wozniak of Blainville, Que., hits a forehand during her fourth round match against Serena Williams yesterday at the French Open at Roland Garros in Paris, France. The 21-year-old was the first Canadian woman in 17 years to make the fourth round of the tournament, but lost 6-1, 6-2 in just 53 minutes.

Mickelson ready to compete next week: Report

GOLF Phil Mickelson plans to return to the PGA Tour for next week's St. Jude Classic and play the U.S. Open which follows, Golf World magazine reported yesterday.

The American world No. 2 shut down his 2009 campaign indefinitely last month after his wife Amy was diagnosed with breast cancer.

However, his wife's breast cancer surgery had been scheduled for the end of this month, allowing Mickelson to compete at the June 18-21 U.S. Open, the magazine said.

Neither Mickelson nor his manager T.R. Reinman could be immediately contacted by Reuters.

Last week, Mickelson expressed optimism about his wife's breast cancer, saying that doctors believed they had diagnosed the condition early.

"We have a wonderful team of doctors helping us and it is believed that we caught this early," the 38-year-old said on his official website (philmickelson.com).

"We are anxiously waiting for a number of test results that will help guide us in the best possible direction." REUTERS

Sports in brief

COYOTES The NHL will soon have a much better idea of what Jim Balsillie has planned if he is allowed to move the Phoenix Coyotes to Hamilton, Ont. Balsillie was expected to file an application for relocation with the league late last night. The application would include intricate details about why he believes the NHL should consider his proposal to move the team to southern Ontario. METRO NEWS SERVICES

'86 World Cup team headed to Hall of Fame

SOCCER The 1986 men's national team, the only side to ever qualify for the World Cup, will be inducted into the Canadian Soccer Hall of Fame Saturday, in a ceremony that also includes eight individuals.

The 1986 team, which clinched its place in Mexico with a 2-1 victory over Honduras in St. John's in 1985, went on to lose all three games and not score a goal in the tournament.

Other inductees to the Hall of Fame in Vaughan, Ont. for 2009 include: Former men's national team members John Limniatis, Mike Stojanovic and Neil Ellett; one-time women's team member Joan McEachern; former FIFA referee Bob Sawtell; and Derek Wisdom, New Brunswick's "Mr. Soccer." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Voyageurs Cup on the line tonight

In 2011, Toronto FC and the Vancouver Whitecaps will begin meeting regularly in Major League Soccer games, an instant rivalry of the league's two Canadian teams.

Consider tonight a preview.

The two sides play at picturesque Swangard Stadium with the Nutrilite Voyageurs Cup on the line.

A win or a tie by TFC and they would win the Canadian championship and set the stage for international competition in Toronto this summer, fall and, if things go well, into winter.

But a win by the hosts, the defending United Soccer Leagues First Division champions who have been given an MLS franchise to begin play the season after next, and the pressure will be on TFC to beat Montreal June 18 and then rely on tiebreakers to take the title.

"It's a game for more than pride," Bob Lenarduzzi, president of the Whitecaps and a former Canadian international, said yesterday.

"The natural rivalry between Toronto and Vancouver will look after itself when we are in MLS," he said. "But we have a head start on it because it (tonight) is a pretty significant game."

Toronto opened the second annual competition beating Vancouver 1-0 at BMO Field on May 6, a game dominated by the home side.

TFC followed that up a week later with a 1-0 win over the Montreal Impact, last year's champions.

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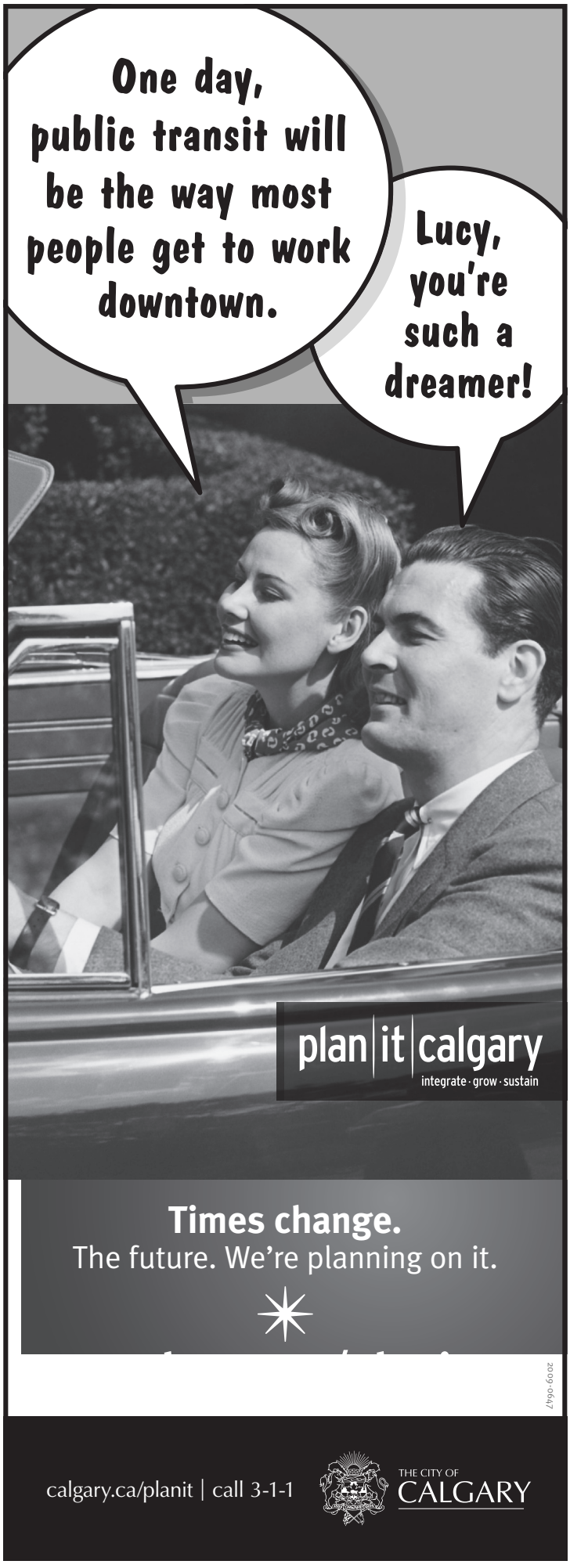
Toronto's Chad Barrett and Vancouver's Wesley Charles battle for the ball during their May 6 game in Toronto. The teams meet again tonight in Vancouver and the game may determine the Voyageurs Cup winner.



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Burn 'summer' calories

Intensify your outdoor activities and shed weight effortlessly

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For Metro Canada

As the cold weather begins to fade in our memories, many of us become more active as outdoor activities become a little more appealing.

Strolling downtown, riding bikes and gardening are great ways to enjoy the summer months and get our daily exercise. But have you ever wondered how many calories you're actually burning while enjoying the sunshine?

The health benefits to these seemingly relaxing activities are real and help you shed weight and burn calories. By adding extra time or exertion to these activities you can burn as many calories as you would with a trip to the gym.

Fitness expert Shawna Kaminski, owner of Calgary North West Adventure Bootcamp, says that there are lots of ways to further intensify your favourite summer activities to burn even more calories and increase your strength and endurance.

"When moms are at the park with the kids, do push-ups, pull-ups or squats," says Kaminski. "If you see a park bench, do step-ups. There's more you can do than just a run."

According to caloriesperhour.com, a website devoted to calculating calories burned per hour for almost any activity you can think of, a leisurely bike ride with your family can burn between 200 and 300 calories per hour. If you step up the intensity to a moderately tough ride, that number increases to more than 500 calories per hour.

Beach games such as Frisbee can burn up to 200 calories per hour, and an hour of golf will burn a whopping 350 calories.

Strolling downtown and popping into your favourite shops for a few hours scan burn up to 300 calories, while gardening for a half hour burns up to 150 calories.

Taking your dog for a half hour walk will burn up to 100 calories, but if you increase your speed to a light jog your canine outing could burn as many as 300 calories (the same amount of calories in a bar of dark chocolate).

Kaminski also says that an organized bootcamp in the summer months is a great way to burn calories at an intense rate and still enjoy the warm weather.

"An hour of bootcamp burns 400 to 550 calories per hour," says Kaminski.

"When moms are at the park with kids, do push-ups, pull-ups or squats."
Shawna Kaminski, fitness expert and owner of Calgary North West Adventure Bookcamp

burn more

How to burn more calories without the gym:

- Forgo the automatic car-wash. Use the clothesline instead of the dryer.
- Park a few blocks away from your intended destination.
- Take the stairs instead of the elevator.
- Go out dancing.

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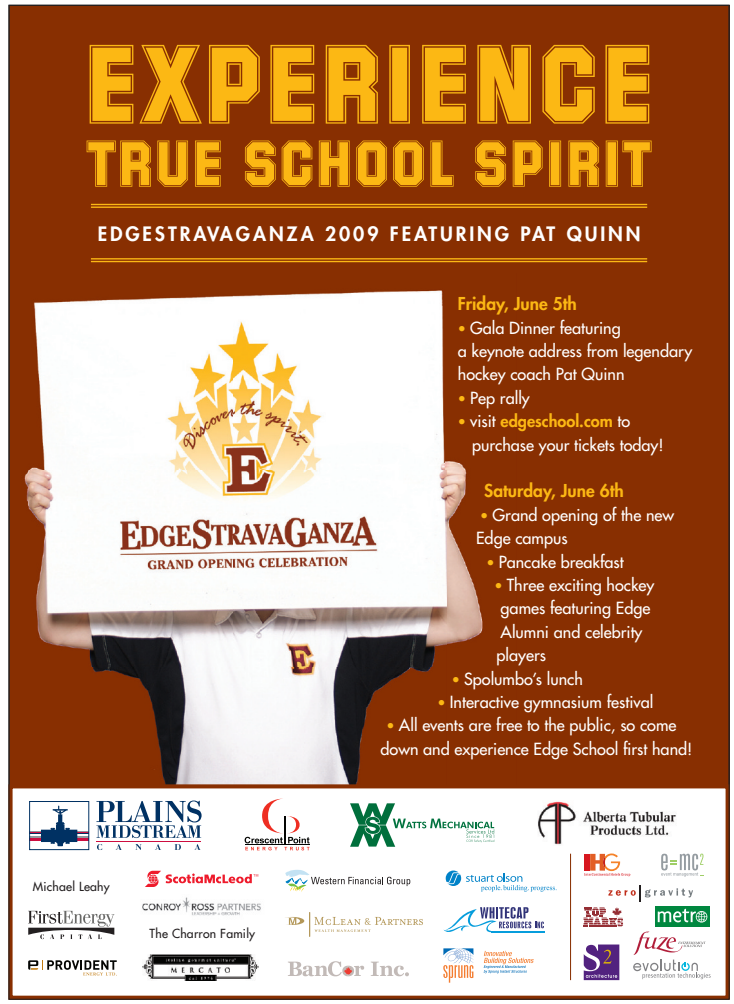
According to caloresperhour.com, beach games such as Frisbee can burn up to 200 calories an hour.



Withdrawal rivals condoms

Study gives the unofficial birth control method a good grade

A recent study published in the June issue of Contraception Magazine presents findings that the withdrawal method of birth control rivals the use of condoms.

Shocking, isn't it? An entire magazine devoted to contraception! But actually I was referring to the fact that they're telling us that a method that we've been told all our lives is not even officially a method of birth control is almost as good as condoms.

Condoms have a 98 per cent success rate when used properly and an 82 to 87 per cent failure rate (depending on who you talk to) when you factor in all the people who decide that the six-year-old condom in his wallet is still "fine" to use.

The study out of the Guttmacher Institute in New York said that the withdrawal method — that is, having the male partner pull out before he climaxes — is 96 per cent effective when used perfectly (however they determine that) and has an 82 per cent success rate with more typical, obviously less perfect, use.

But before you lose the latex, it's important to remember that the withdrawal method doesn't provide any protection from Sexually Transmitted Infections that can be transmitted through pre-ejaculate fluid.

And given the prevailing resistance to using condoms, it hardly seems responsible to give people another excuse not to roll down the rim. So what advantage is there to a study like this?

Well, the truth of the matter is, say the researchers, a lot of people are using the withdrawal method (usually as a back up or along with another form of birth control) and denying this is silly.

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Even Dr. Carol Carozza, VP of marketing for Ansell Healthcare (the makers of LifeStyles Condoms) and a 20-year veteran on contraception, says that when you see how many people seem to be defaulting to the withdrawal method, it's clear that more research needs to be done and that users of it should be counselled properly.

People have been so stressed out into believing that withdrawal is irresponsible at worst or at best "better than nothing."

Although withdrawal may not be as effective as some contraceptive methods, it is substantially more effective than nothing, said the study.

Health care providers and health educators should discuss withdrawal as a legitimate, if slightly less effective, contraceptive method in the same way they do condoms and diaphragms. Dismissing it as a legitimate contraceptive method when used in conjunction with hormonal, barrier or other methods is counterproductive and also discourages further research into this frequently used method.

study results

- To read the entire study, follow the link on Josey's Sexcetera blog at metronews.ca.

Josey Vogels is a sex and relationship columnist and author of five books on the subjects. For more info, visit joseyvogels.com.

Six more reasons to exercise

TIPS Need an extra push to get active? Let the scientists writing for Harvard University's HEALTHBeat persuade you. Here's what exercise does for you:

1. Lowers your likelihood of getting heart disease. Exercise may help prevent plaque buildup and increase resilience in arteries as you age.
2. Lowers your blood pressure, which is good because hypertension is a risk factor for heart disease, stroke, aortic aneurysm and kidney disease.
3. Helps prevent diabetes by shaving off excess weight, lowering blood sugar levels, and boosting sensitivity to insulin.
4. Reduces risk for developing cancers of the colon, breast, endometrium (uterine lining), and prostate.
5. Fends off bone loss. Weight-bearing exercises like walking, running, and strength training are known to build bone.
6. May limit and even reverse knee problems by helping to control weight.

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Billy Bob Thornton's daughter arrested

Billy Bob Thornton's daughter has been arrested in Florida on charges of child neglect resulting in the death of one-year-old girl she was babysitting. Friday's arrest of Amanda Brumfield, 29, was the result of an alleged incident in which the infant fell. PEOPLE.COM

Entertainment

MMVA lineup

Billy Talent, Alexisonfire and Kelly Clarkson will join previously announced acts Lady Gaga and co-hosts the Jonas Brothers as performers at this year's MuchMusic Video Awards on June 21. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Lightning-fast comedy

New sketch series Hotbox takes on many subjects

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

Veteran sketch comic Pat Thornton shows no hesitation when asked to name his worst live show yet.

"It was a fringe tour with (comedy troupe) Todd's Lunch. We didn't get in the Winnipeg Fringe Festival, so we rented out a theatre that seats 300 people," says Thornton, the creator/writer/star of The Comedy Network's fast-paced new sketch series Hotbox.

"Someone who had seen us before and hated us wrote this one-star review before we arrived. So only five people showed up for the show. Three volunteers and the people who billeted us. They were real polite but I can't imagine they had a good time."

The 13-episode Hotbox, which premieres tonight, reflects Thornton's nine years of good and bad gigs with sketch troupes like Todd's Lunch and, more recently, The Sketchersons.

However, the show's core target audience is most definitely today's YouTube generation. For Hotbox is a lightning-fast mish-mash of sketches that take on all subject matter and sport names like "Press Conference With a Bear," "Dinosaur Man," "Dinner in Space" and "Dr. Bloodfister."

If a segment lasts 20 seconds, it's a rarity. Most of Hotbox's comedy bits just end abruptly. Think of it as a live-action variation on the animated series Robot Chicken ... though Hotbox does also feature some cool animation and puppets.

"For the most part, what you see on the screen is all there was on the page," says Thornton. "We really enjoyed the challenge of writing things that just start and stop quickly; redefining how something ends."

Hotbox is also unique in its steadfast avoidance of a regular cast. There are 20 Canadian comics featured in the first season. This includes members of three comedy troupes, as well as cameos by well-established comics like Colin Mochrie, Jon Dore and Sean Cullen.

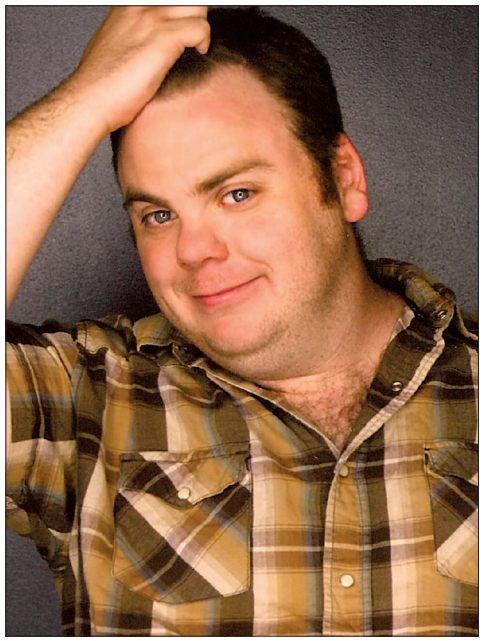
On TV

- Hotbox airs tonight on The Comedy Network.

"There really isn't a regular cast," Thornton says. "Yeah, we went back and forth with the network on that. Part of it was I simply wanted to make opportunities for comics in this town."

Thornton says making the leap from stage to the small screen wasn't difficult, though he does miss the live feedback.

"The laughs are different. You work all day on a TV set with the crew, and they don't care how funny you are."



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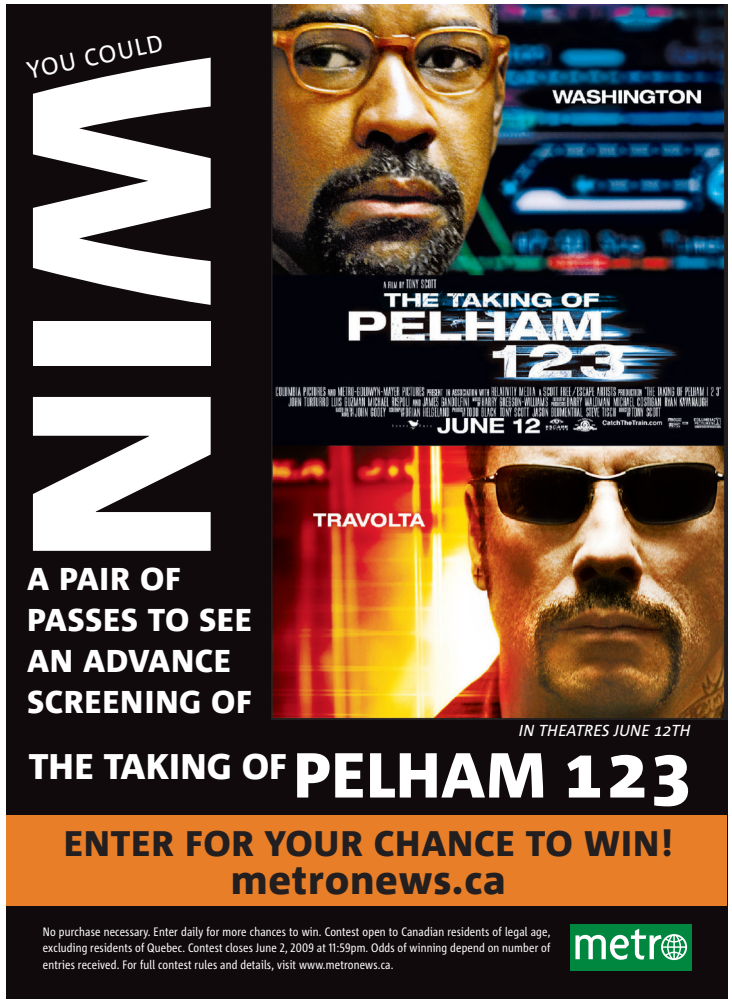

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In addition to releasing her third album (Fantasy Ride), Ciara has joined a renowned modelling agency, starred in a host of films, and runs her own dance company.

Ciara's Fantasy Ride

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

If you haven't noticed, life is good for Ciara Harris. But, make no mistake, it's only going to get better.

"I have tons of plans," says the 23-year-old R&B star. "I want to do a lot more when it comes to TV and film. I'm hoping to do action and comedy movies."

The Austin, Texas-born vocalist has already taken the do-everything branding strategy — which other singers like Jennifer Lopez and Britney Spears have mastered — to heart. Ciara's just released Fantasy Ride, her third record, she's joined a renowned modeling agency, she's starred in a host of films, and she runs her own dance company.

Managing her ambitions seems like it would be a full-time job on its own, but Ciara says it's as simple as finding the right balance. "When you have a goal, you have to make it all work," she says. "After I'm done touring, that's when I'll do movies."

While it might sound like the soulful singer has her life worked out, she admits that accomplishing everything requires some super-hero-like magic. That's one reason why she's developed an alter-ego, the comic book character Super C.

"That's my inner super-hero," she explains. "It's my drive to help me overcome obstacles. For relationships to work I have to be strong, that's the Super C in me."

The new album's artwork actually looks and feels like a comic book, but there's no Batman (her favourite character) style brawls here. "My superpower is the power to move you," she says. "My goal is to inspire people through the power of performance and the power to inspire dreams. My story didn't involve me coming from a glamorous life, so I'm here to say where you come from does not determine who you can become."

"I'm here to say where you come from does not determine who you can become." Ciara

While her comic book hero self does espouse some inspirational messages on Fantasy Ride, it's also evident Super C likes finding herself in some not so PG-13 situations. In Love, Sex, Magic, a frenetic pop tune with Justin Timberlake, she sings: "What's your favourite trick that you wanna use on me and I'll volunteer. And I'll be flowing and going till clothing disappears, ain't nothing but shoes on me."

She explains that she tries to write something for everyone, even for her mom, though it's unclear if Mrs. Harris approves of the more sex-drenched tunes on the record. Still, whether her mom likes it or not, this album is almost guaranteed to be a hit. Besides JT, the disc features Ludacris, Missy Elliot and the now controversial Chris Brown, while the tunes are just as infectious as anything she's done before.

What's clear from the album and from Ciara's future plans, is that the singer is more self-assured than ever, and that might be the only super power she needs. "I'm getting more and more confident by the day," she says. "I have more wisdom, experience and an understanding of what's going on. And that growth has, more than anything, become a huge part of what I do."

DVD picks

He's Just Not That Into You

Director: Ken Kwapis

JENNIFER ANISTON, Ben Affleck, Scarlett Johansson and Drew Barrymore join a crowd of love seekers and booty callers in a movie built around a catch phrase, yet which risks rom-com fatigue with a bloated 2:10 running time.

Directed by Ken Kwapis (Licence to Wed) from a screenplay by Abby Kohn and Marc Silverstein, He's Just Not That Into You is the screen adaptation of the cynical relationship rule book by Sex and the City writer Greg Behrendt and editor Liz Tuccillo.

The best-selling tome's archly instructional tone is maintained, right down to faux chapter headings, with Justin Long's bar manager character, Alex, bluntly explaining guy code to blown-off and befuddled women.

Alex's most eager pupil is Baltimore singleton Gigi (Ginnifer Goodwin), the type of woman you only see in the movies. She's gorgeous, yet every guy she dates acts as if as she's wearing man repellent.

The focus shifts abruptly through the picture, which would be irredeemably distracting in most circumstances. But the scattershot technique suits the disjointed minds of He's Just Not That Into You. Nobody really knows what they want; why should the directors or writers?

As for extras, the DVD is not that into them: just a few deleted scenes, with optional commentary by Kwapis. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Unknown actress joins Doctor Who
Relatively unknown actress Karen Gillan has been tapped to accompany new Doctor Who Matt Smith on the upcoming season of the cult TV series. The show returns to BBC in 2010. TVGUIDE.COM

Boyle treated after loss

Sensation's 'breakdown' seen as cautionary tale

Talent show contestant Susan Boyle's giddying rise from unemployed Scottish church volunteer to global superstar has come at a price, in what is being seen as a cautionary tale for the celebrity age.

On the way up, the 48-year-old's performance last month of I Dreamed a Dream on television series Britain's Got Talent was viewed nearly 200 million times on the Internet, and within days Boyle was headline news around the world.

Camera crews camped outside the home where she lived alone with her cat; Larry King and Oprah Winfrey invited her onto their U.S. shows and tabloid newspapers tracked her every move.

But as the pressure built ahead of Saturday's final, which Boyle had been the runaway favourite to win, she was reduced to tears, threw a tantrum and threatened to pull out of the show.

On Sunday, after her shock defeat by dance troupe Diversity, the singer was admitted to a clinic in London that treats people with mental health problems, suffering from exhaustion. The Sun tabloid reported she had an "emotional breakdown."

A police spokesman confirmed that officers had been called to a London hotel "to doctors attending a woman under the mental health act."

"She was taken voluntarily by ambulance to a clinic. At the request of doctors, police accompanied the ambulance," the spokesman added.

"Being famous is not all it's cracked up to be, and the idea that you can have a personal life and a media life is often pretty conflicting," said David Moxon, a health psychologist who specializes in stress. "I don't think Boyle did that (deliberately pursued celebrity). She was pursuing a love of singing that she had and that is the sad part of this story. But it is a cautionary tale for people and it shows fame has its price."

Susan Boyle
GETTY IMAGES

Experts question whether shows like Britain's Got Talent and American Idol are unnecessarily cruel.

Judge Simon Cowell in particular is renowned for his acerbic put-downs of less accomplished acts.

One of Boyle's co-finalists, Hollie Steel, burst into tears during her faltering semifinal performance and begged to be allowed to try again. Age 10, she was deemed by many to be too young to appear on the show.

And a potential American Idol contestant, ridiculed by Cowell after her audition, apparently committed suicide in November outside the home of fellow judge Paula Abdul. REUTERS

Twilight sweeps MTV awards, Bruno stuns

LIVE SHOW Vampire movie Twilight took the honours at the MTV Movie Awards Sunday, but it was an unscripted stunt involving Borat actor Sacha Baron Cohen and singer Eminem that stole the live show.

Twilight swept up five awards, including best movie, best kiss and best fight at the irreverent fan-driven event where viewers had a sneak preview of the movie's forthcoming sequel, New Moon.

Australia's Heath Ledger won the award for best villain, adding to the slew of trophies awarded to the Dark Knight actor after his death in January 2008.

But it was the outrageous Cohen, promoting his upcoming movie Bruno in which the British actor plays a gay Austrian fashionista, who brought the house down.

Sweeping high above the studio on a harness, Cohen hit an obstacle, spun down toward the audience and landed face down in the lap of Eminem, exposing his naked bottom to both the rapper and to millions of viewers watching the awards show live on television.

MARIO ANZUONI/REUTERS
Actors Robert Pattinson, left, and Kristen Stewart won the best kiss award for the movie Twilight at the 2009 MTV Movie Awards.

MTV said Eminem stormed out "in a heated rage" after the incident at the Gibson Amphitheatre near Los Angeles where the live awards show was taking place.

"This is very exciting TV," host Andy Samberg ad-libbed.

"I enjoyed his (Cohen's) precision landing," actor Ben Stiller told reporters backstage. "I did not see that coming." REUTERS

Shannon in talks to join Runaways

CASTING Michael Shannon is putting another dime in the jukebox, baby.

The Oscar nominee is in negotiations for one of the lead roles in The Runaways, the feature take on Joan Jett's seminal 1970s rock band.

Kristen Stewart will play Jett, and Dakota Fanning is on board to play bandmate Cherie Curry in the River Road pic, which will revisit the brief but influential life of the all-female rock band.

The film centres on the quartet, but there are a number of key male roles representing people who were personally and professionally associated with band.

Shannon also is mulling several other offers. REUTERS

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critics' corner

Hot Box
Sort of a "Sesame Street" for grown-ups, this new series from Canadian comic Pat Thornton mixes puppetry, live action and animation in each episode for a wild 30-minute ride through the surreal, the silly and the surreally silly. He brings to life such odd characters as a salesman with poor people skills and a detective obsessed with "CSI." 11 PM on COM

NCIS
Gibbs and the gang are forced into playing a dangerous war game that causes a shocking revelation to come to light and causes very serious consequences for one of their group in "Cloak." Michael Weatherly, David McCallum, Pauley Perrette, Cote de Pablo and Sean Murray also star. 9 PM on CICT KREM

The Mentalist
Patrick's (Simon Baker) formidable powers of observation don't do him much good after he is blinded as the result of an explosion, forcing him to rely on his other senses during an investigation into the murder of a financial adviser. Robin Tunney, Tim Kang, Owain Yeoman and Amanda Righetti also star in "Bloodshot." 10 PM on CFCN KREM

An unusual proposal

Ryan Reynolds struggled to find the words to ask now-wife Scarlett Johansson to marry him, so he proposed by text message. "The hardest part was to compress all of that love, all of that joy into just one text message. And then it was just hitting send," he said. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

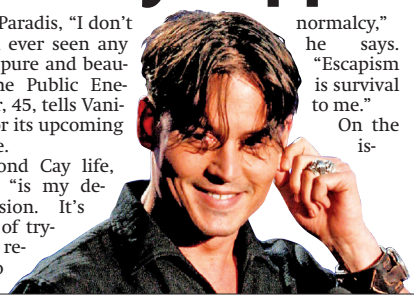
Celebrity Buzz

Money can't buy happiness, but it can buy island

RETREAT When not making blockbusters, Johnny Depp likes to relax far from Hollywood — around his 45-acre private Bahamian island, Little Hall's Pond Cay, to be exact, usmagazine.com reports.

As experienced from aboard his 156-ft. yacht, the Vajoliroja, an amalgam of the names of his children, himself, and partner Vanessa Paradis, "I don't think I'd ever seen any place so pure and beautiful," the Public Enemies star, 45, tells Vanity Fair for its upcoming July issue.

The Pond Cay life, he says, "is my decompression. It's my way of trying to return to normalcy," he says. "Escapism is survival to me."



On the island itself, one can snorkel among barracudas, neon-coloured fish and nurse sharks, in what Depp has named Heath's Place, after Heath Ledger.

"You can feel your pulse rate drop about 20 beats. It's instant freedom. And that rare beast — simplicity — can be had. And a little morsel of anonymity," he says.

"Whenever I was getting frustrated about being 'novelty boy' and making movies, I told myself, Calm down. I can come down here and disappear. I spent the Christmas season here with Vanessa and the kids. You can feed hot dogs to the nurse sharks in the Exumas (the out islands of the Bahamas) — but it's best to not swim when doing it."

Owning one's own island also affords its special privileges, and Pond Cay allows Depp to indulge in his hobbies, which include reading, playing guitar and painting. Quoting an old adage, he admits, "Money doesn't buy you happiness. But it buys you a big enough yacht to sail right up to it." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Madonna queen bee to Kate

EX FACTOR Kate Hudson let the presence of her rumoured boyfriend Alex Rodriguez's rumoured ex, Madonna, spoil her fun at a polo match in NYC over the weekend.

After enjoying the first part of the match, Hudson reportedly vacated her VIP seats, which Madonna happily filled, according to the New York Daily News.

"Kate was completely intimidated by Madonna," one source says. "She clearly didn't want trouble and decided to keep a low profile for the rest of the match."

Adds another source: "I didn't even see Kate Hudson again after Madonna arrived. She ran away! But if I were dating Madonna's ex, I'd be scared, too!"

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Jacko planning cash cows

MONEY PROBLEMS Michael Jackson is opening a Thriller casino, female first.co.uk reports.

The 50-year-old singer is reportedly planning to launch the zombie-themed gambling den in Las Vegas next year.

He is also believed to be working on a new album, several films and a museum to house iconic items from his career. He's also allegedly planning a three-year world tour, after his 50-date This Is It residency at London's O2 arena ends in 2010.

Sources close to the superstar claim he is interested in any business endeavour that can help revive his flagging fortune.

Jackson is allegedly over £100 million ($178 million) in debt. He has been sued by dozens of former associates and was even forced to sell his beloved Neverland Ranch last year.

The star is expected to make as much money as he owes from his residency, which is due to start next month, but he may not be fit enough to perform.

Jackson has already postponed the first four concerts and is facing the prospect of delaying more, as he allegedly battles skin cancer.

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Gain weight, director tells Lindsay

CAREER ADVICE Lindsay Lohan has been ordered to gain weight for her new movie, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress — who has been looking worryingly thin since her breakup from girlfriend Samantha Ronson — was told by producers of The Other Side to pile on the pounds because her part requires her to.

A source told America's Star magazine: "Producers want Lindsay looking like a normal, healthy girl, not a skeleton. So they ordered her to rest up and eat more. They refuse to risk her dropping out of the movie because of her problems."

Lindsay landed the role in the comedy earlier this month, her first big-screen outing since 2007's flop I Know Who Killed Me.

Commenting on her casting, the film's director David Michaels said: "Lindsay's very aware of people's perceptions of her. She's really committed to doing what she has to in order to change that."

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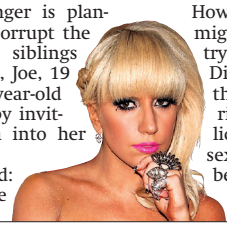
Gaga for Jonas Bros

FANTASY Lady Gaga wants to have sex with the Jonas Brothers, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer is planning to corrupt the trio — siblings Kevin, 21, Joe, 19 and 16-year-old Nick — by inviting them into her bed.



She said: "I love the Jonas Brothers, they're very talented. I met them once. I'd like to have a foursome with them."

However, Lady Gaga might have problems trying to seduce the Disney band because they wear purity rings and have publicly voiced their no sex before marriage beliefs.

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Drew ditches Justin for Adrian?

INDECISION Drew Barrymore has reportedly dumped Justin Long, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress was seen enjoying an "intimate dinner" with Entourage star Adrian Grenier at the Cliff's Edge restaurant in Los Angeles, sparking speculation she has once again split from Long.

A source said: "Drew and Adrian looked really comfortable with each other — Justin certainly seemed like the last thing on her mind."

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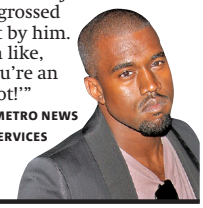
Pink peeved at 'idiot' Kanye

GONE TOO FUR Pink isn't pleased with Kanye West after they attended a Stella McCartney fashion show.

"The entire time, Kanye is going, 'They need more fur in this show,'" the animal-friendly singer tells Australia's FHM. "He just wouldn't shut up about how he loved fur. I mean, he's saying this to me, the PETA guy and Paul McCartney! I was just so grossed out by him. I'm like, 'You're an idiot!'"



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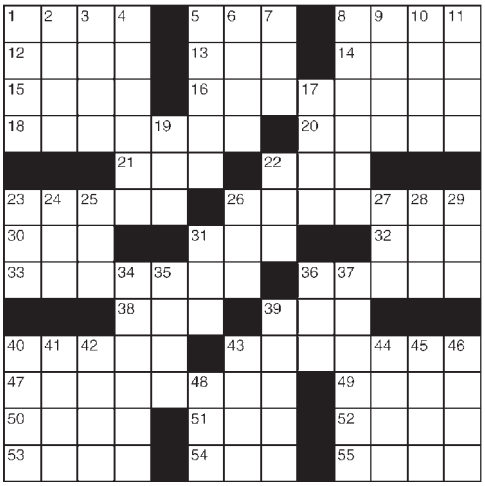

Crossword across

1 Punch
5 Biol. or bot.
8 Pack (down)
12 Vittles ...
13 ... and what to do with them
14 Operatic show-stopper
15 Verdi work
16 Alamo casualty
18 Refuse to buy
20 Moor
21 Possesses
22 Chinese chairman
23 Enthusiast
26 Longtime TV variety star
30 Dance syllable
31 Despondent
32 A billion years
33 1890s heavyweight champ
36 Archipelago part
38 Whatever amount
39 Every crumb
40 Acid type
43 Actor Gould
47 Lots of power?
49 Expanded
50 Press
51 "CSI" evidence
52 Long lunch?
53 Antitoxins
54 Rowing need
55 — River, N.J.

Crossword down

1 Wound cover
2 Cleveland's place
3 Buffalo Bill
4 Money of Malawi
5 Religious offshoots
6 Wagon
7 Judge Lance
8 Hire
9 Vicinity
10 Catcher's need
11 Maze option
17 Burn somewhat
19 Sturdy tree
22 Pie ingredient?
23 Gov. agcy.
24 Pi follower
25 Sound receptor
26 Cudgel
27 Conger, for one
28 Pirouette pivot
29 Potent stick
31 Pigpen
34 Potassium source
35 Sufficient, old-style
36 Under the weather
37 Trivial
39 Sacrifice site
40 Parisian pals
41 Unembellished
42 "Young Frankenstein" role
43 Sicilian spouter
44 Sandwich treat
45 Four years in the White House
46 "— company, ..."
48 Commotion

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

		4	9		6			
	9					6	3	
5	6				2	1		
1		6	5				4	
				7				
	5				4	9		7
		3	1				8	9
	1	8					7	
			7		3	2		

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

M	E	S	S	■	M	A	P	■
O	A	T	H	■	A	N	I	■
S	C	A	R	■	S	A	N	D
S	H	R	E	D	S	■	G	U
■	■	■	W	E	E	P	■	E
S	A	N	D	B	U	R	G	■
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■	■	S	O	T	■	M	E	A
A	R	A	R	A	T	■	P	Y
S	A	N	D	I	E	G	O	■
A	R	C	O	■	N	E	O	■
P	E	E	N	■	T	E	L	■

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N	E	■	E	D	I	T	O	R
A	R	C	■	A	N	D	E	R
■	■	■	H	A	R	E	■	■
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A	R	E	■	H	A	R	E	M
C	O	■	E	T	A	S	■	■
■	■	■	L	T	■	■	■	■

8	6	5	9	1	4	3	7	2
1	7	9	2	8	3	4	5	6
3	2	4	5	7	6	8	9	1
9	8	7	6	2	1	5	4	3
6	5	2	3	4	9	1	8	7
4	1	3	7	5	8	2	6	9
5	3	8	1	9	7	6	2	4
2	9	1	4	6	5	7	3	8
7	4	6	8	3	2	9	1	5

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Cod with Spicy Puy Lentils

INGREDIENTS:
2 tbsp (25 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
1 onion, chopped
2 celery stalks, chopped
2 medium leeks, chopped
1 or 2 fresh red chili peppers, seeded and chopped
1 cup (250 ml) Puy lentils, rinsed and drained
3 cups (750 ml) vegetable stock
1 sprig fresh thyme
1 bay leaf
Fresh-squeezed juice of 1 lemon
Pinch cayenne
4 pieces skinless cod fillet or cod steaks
Salt and fresh-ground black pepper
To serve: Lemon wedges

METHOD:
1. Preheat broiler to medium-high. Heat 1 tbsp (15 mL) of olive oil in medium pot over medium heat. Add onion, celery, leeks and chili peppers; sauté 2 minutes. Stir in lentils. Add vegetable stock, thyme and bay leaf. Bring to boil, reduce heat, and simmer until lentils are tender, about 20 minutes. If lentils have not absorbed all stock, drain.

2. Meanwhile, prepare fish. Stir together remaining oil, lemon juice and cayenne. Lay cod in broiler pan, skin side up. Season with salt and pepper to taste, and brush with oil mixture. Broil until flesh flakes easily, 6 to 7 minutes. There is no need to turn fish over.

3. Divide lentils between warm plates and arrange pieces of cod on top. Serve with lemon wedges.

Per Serving
324 calories, 7.5 g total fat, 1 g

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Values planet Venus transiting your sign is by itself an omen of success, but today's Venus-Jupiter link-up promises even greater accomplishment.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't let your imagination get the better of you over the next 24 hours. It will be all too easy to believe that the images in your mind are real but they're not.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Take life as it comes today and don't worry too much if the people around you are more demanding than usual.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You can be amazingly assertive but with Venus transiting the career area of your chart you will achieve more if you use persuasion.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Life, the universe, everything; what's it all about? You will be asking this question, and questions like it, a lot over the next 24 hours.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Fears and anxieties buried deep in your mind will make an unwelcome reappearance today, but if you face up to them you will overcome them.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You will have to use a combination of generosity and guile today if you are going to get what it is you most desire.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You may for the most part be fixed in your opinions but on the work front you will be amazingly flexible.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
It might not be true to say that all things are possible for you now but enough are to make this the kind of day that stays long in the memory.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
The most important thing today is that you resolve any differences of opinion you might have with loved ones and relatives.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You will be on the move for any number of reasons today but the most important by far will be to do with an affair of the heart.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Your generosity will know no bounds today. You won't be content to give a little bit here and a little it there: You will give loved ones everything they desire.

This day in history

JUNE 2, 455: The Vandals enter Rome, and plunder the city for two weeks.
JUNE 2, 1774: The Quartering Act is enacted, allowing a governor in colonial America to house British soldiers in uninhabited houses, outhouses, barns, or other buildings if suitable quarters were not provided.
JUNE 2, 2003: Europe launches its first voyage to another planet, Mars. The European Space Agency's Mars Express probe launches from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan.
JUNE 2, 2004: Ken Jennings begins his 74-game winning streak on the syndicated game show Jeopardy!

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1. Poetically, above Clinton VP Al (1)
2. Genetic double sector (1)
3. Oration about a Georgia fruit (1)
4. "Beetle Bailey" dog's slogans (2)
5. Not as intense actor Gene (2)
6. Strongly advocating joining together (2)
7. Three-wheeler's frozen water hangings (3)

ANSWERS
1. DIE CHOICE 2. CLOSE ZONE 3. PEACH SPEECH 4. OTTOS MOTTOS
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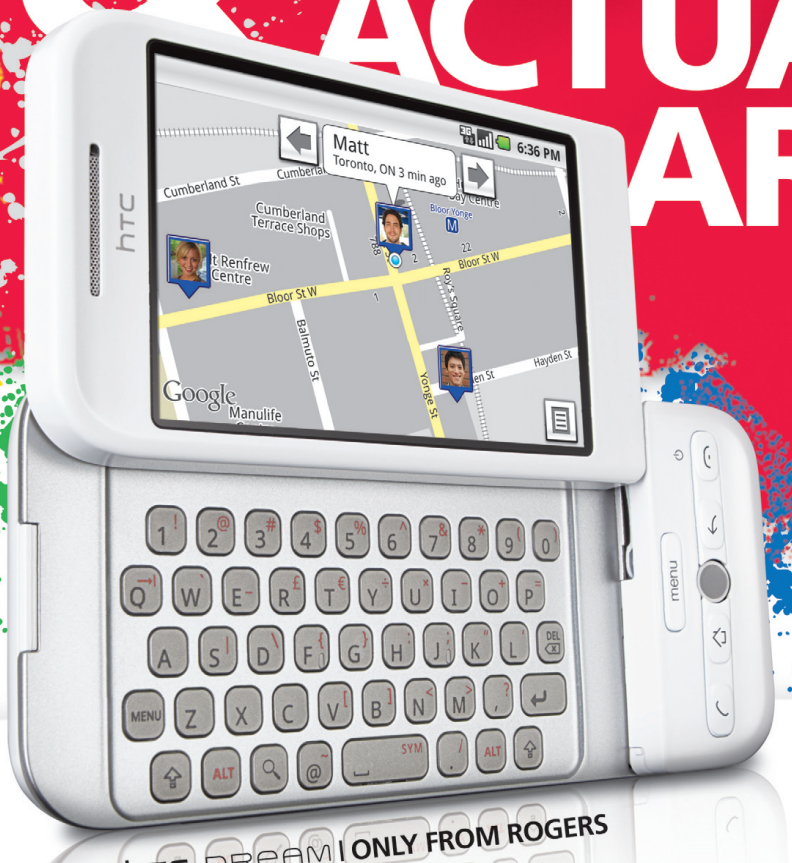

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